



Hot Lines

By Al Coast

As the old story goes, it has rained for 50 days and 50 nights. As far as fishermen are concerned, this is truly a sad situation. The Torrance Rod & Gun Club has in its membership, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, brick layers, merchants, and many other trades. But what we are looking for now, in or recruiting program, is a new member who has a little pull with the weatherman.

This column was and is intended to bring up to date, news and information on outdoor activity. It does not make a very interesting story on how Bill Smith or John Jones shoveled mud out of his living room or bailed water out of his kitchen. So to supplement for outdoor reports, we will try to relay a little "under the counter" information and finer points on various ways to fill your creel, when the chance comes.

There are many ardent fishermen who walk the streams, fish from the bank at one of the lakes, or spends all day trolling or still fishing from a boat, who don't really know whether he is going about it right or wrong. It's true, some one will come up with a picture taking size fish every now and then, and claim the only way to catch them is by his method. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, he won't remember what really happened.

We will take for example, a true experience by one of our local addicts. Mott Houdashelt, a real died-in-the-wool troller, was telling me the only way to catch rainbow trout at Lake Irvine was to troll a small lure, called a "Rebel." And this Rebel had to be black with a little red stripe painted on the under side. So what happens, Mott and his buddy ventured to Irvine one day last week and proceeded to take a limit of trout, from 14 to 19 inches. These are exceptionally nice fish, the only thing is he hooked them on a lure called a "Super Duper," and not only that it was gold in color.

This all boils down to one fact. You have to experiment with a number of lures, and if trolling, try a variety of depths. One day they will hit one color and the next day another. Under normal conditions, use a bright lure when the sun is shining and a darker type on an overcast day.

For the anchor fisherman, when fishing for trout, go prepared with a couple different colored salmon eggs, a can of red worms, and most important of all, a chunk of cheese. Velveeta seems to work the best, as it has a way of staying on the hook much better. There is also on the market, a floating type cheese. This is an excellent bait when the bottom of the lake has snags and fine moss. Also a big help will come from the landing operators. They will give you the best info, because they want you to catch fish as much as you want to take home a limit.

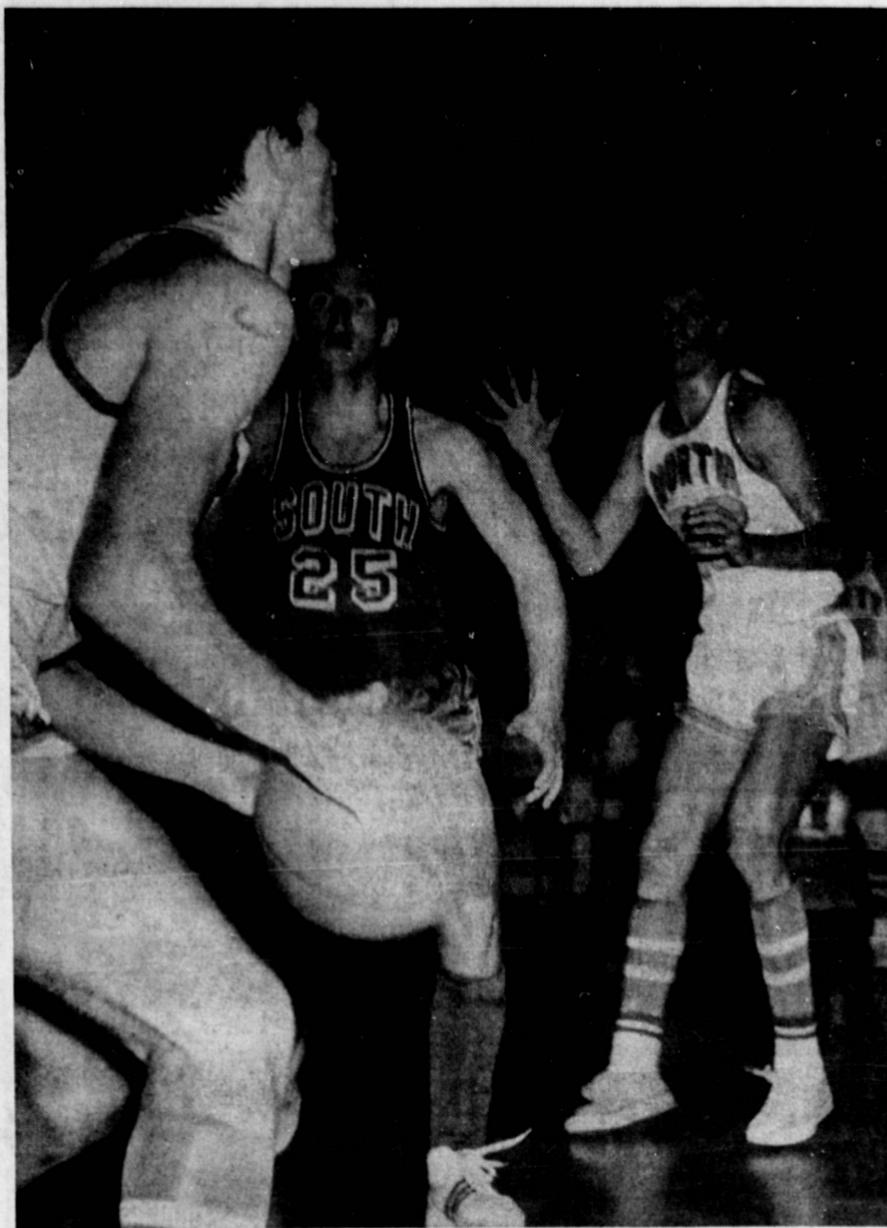
LATE FLASHES: A dozen or so members fished Rock Cod Sunday and came up with some 200 pounds of fillets to be used at our Fish Fry in the near future.

There are a few scattered Surf Perch up to three pounds between Redondo and Hermosa. Big Paper Shell Sandcrabs are the best bait for these beaches. Use one outfit and move up and down the beach. I also gleaned a little information from a surf fisherman that has been pulling a few nice fish at Huntington Beach. Fish close in with hard shells.

So let's hope the rains leave, so we can go out and enjoy a little of the outdoors. Don't forget, our next meeting is March 4, 8 p.m. Corner of Border and Plaza Del Amo. There is no charge for visiting our club. Who knows, perhaps you have an idea we can make something of.

Our first derby will be March 1 at the breakwater. This will be with the Compton Rod and Gun Club. This is the first of two. We fish against them Saturday night and then hold a trap shoot Sunday morning, March 2.

There will be a bass derby at Lake Cachuma on March 16.



BATTLE GROUND . . . In their third meeting of the year, North High defeated South, 92-73, to remain unbeaten in Bay League basketball action Tuesday. One of the interesting contests of the game was Brent Barron's (center) defense of North scoring ace Dan Anderson

(in foreground). Anderson pauses to shoot or pass off to center Harlen Peet (right). Dan scored 22 points despite an outstanding game by Barron. South beat North in the Pacific Shores Tournament for one of the two losses by the Saxons this season. (Press-Herald photo).

Dodgers Head for Vero

It's operation Vero Beach, and the Dodger plane heads for Florida Saturday morning — rain or shine and with or without the Don Drysdale and Tom Hallers.

And when the Dodger plane does depart there will be more familiar faces than you might suspect.

Al Campanis is a Dodger vice president whose title includes responsibilities in player personnel and scouting. Most important, right now, he's the man in charge of collecting autographs of Dodger players.

"I notice where some people are tossing out numbers of the players who have signed," said Campanis. "I don't think this is right. When we get to Vero I

think it will be revealed who has or hasn't signed."

Although Campanis isn't naming numbers or names, it has been learned 26 of the 40 players on the parent roster have signed or agreed to sign.

The list of signed players includes one-third of the starting lineup on the final day of last season — centerfielder Willie Davis, third baseman Bill Sudakis and pitcher Alan Foster. Foster became a signee Wednesday.

Furthermore, several of the established Dodger players are getting itchy. Three of the team's top players phoned Campanis Wednesday and made appointments for this morning to talk contract.



JUMPING THE GUN . . . Indian Guides Walter Talley, 8 (left), and Ronald Paul, 9, get in some practice for Sunday's annual kite flying contest from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Hollywood Park parking lot. Approximately 40 teams of boys and dads will take part in the competition and only home-made kites will be used. Looking on is Quin Gustason, executive secretary of the Centinela Valley YMCA, which sponsors the Indian Guide program.

In addition to the roster players who have signed, will be 21 non-roster players reporting to Vero Beach.

This list consists of pitchers Walt Adey, Bruce Ellingsen, Charlie Hough, Larry Hutton, Ray Lamb, Mike Mathwig, Mike Price, Larry Staab, Jim Strickland and Henry Williams; catchers Buddy Hollowell, George Lott, Sergio Robles and Steve Sogge; infielders Larry Eckenrode, Pat Harrison, Marv Gallher, Tim Johnson and Mike Kimbrell; and outfielders Roy Gleason and Guy Rose.

"This is a real chance for some of these youngsters to show what they can do," says Campanis. "With our extra players we'll have sufficient talent to go into camp."

"Quite often when a young player gets a chance he can move into the lineup. I remember one year when Duke Snider had a bad knee."

"A youngster named Ron Fairly got a chance and made the big club."

CIF Teams Reach End Of Season

Compton and Garden Grove, undefeated on the season and assured of league championships, remained on top of the weekly prep basketball poll in the next-to-last week of balloting.

Two top-rated "AAAA" teams, Muir and Pasadena, are preparing for their Foothill League title showdown to be televised over KNBC-TV (Channel 4) on Saturday beginning at 12 noon.

Pasadena will be out to avenge a first-round loss to the Mustangs.

Muir, paced by highly-touted Vince Carson, clinched the Foothill League crown and gained a top-seeded berth in the CIF, play-offs which begin on the "AAAA" level next Friday.

In the next-to-last "Top Ten" ballot, the "AAAA" poll remained unchanged. The Compton Tarababes are a unanimous choice for first, with Muir, Ventura, Chaffey, Pasadena, North Torrance, Huntington Beach, Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks), Troy and Sunny Hills rounding out the list.

Garden Grove's Argonauts continued to stretch their lead over second-place Claremont (25-0) in the "AAA" poll.

Big Game Looms at Pasadena

The big game, the game-of-the-year in junior college basketball, is set tonight at Pasadena City College.

Cerritos College, No. 1 ranked JC squad, and Pasadena, ranked No. 2, will be squaring off in a sellout contest. At stake will be the Metropolitan Conference championship and a berth in the state finals at Fresno.

The Lancers won the state championship in 1967 and were runner-up to Cerritos last year.

Coach-of-the-Year Jim Kolingsworth of the Falcons said, "We have defeated Pasadena three consecutive games. There's no reason we can't make it four."

The game is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the PCC gym.

Cerritos, which defeated Pasadena 76-50 in the Modesto Tournament in December and 52-50 in the Falcon Gym Feb. 21, won the State Tourney title from the Lancers 69-68 last March.

The Falcons had a record of 25-2 going into this week's action, while the Lancers stood 21-5.

Dr. Carlson President of Marlin Club

The King Harbor Marlin Club of Redondo Beach will hold its third meeting Saturday noon at the Lobster House under the gavel of its new president, Dr. Richard Carlson.

Election of new officers was held last Sunday in a meeting of the board at Portofino Inn. Besides Dr. Carlson, Frank Eckert is vice president, Keith Carlson is secretary and Hap Jacobs is treasurer. Officers will serve one year.

Saturday's meeting will feature world wide sportfishing films, courtesy of MGM studios and Tom Overton, professional cameraman.

Dr. Carlson received his discharge from the Army last May after a tour of duty in Vietnam. He is a graduate of USC medical school and is resuming his studies there for a Ph.D. in Physiology. He has been an ardent sportfisherman off the West Coast for 15 years. He and his brother, Keith, own a boat anchored at King Harbor Marina.

North, South Eye Playoffs

North High and South High are going to the CIF basketball playoffs next Friday, but finishing the Bay League season with a grand climax is West High third place. The Warriors won a blistering 98-69 game from Inglewood Tuesday as Bill Kolodjczak scored 44 points. He had 18 in the fourth quarter. The sophomore letterman had 36 rebounds in the game.

West went into last night's final game of the season against Redondo with a 7-6 record and a chance to beat Mira Costa out of third spot.

North played a concluding league game at Santa Monica last night. On the line was the team's 14th Bay League win.

South clinched second place and went into last night's game at Mira Costa with a 9-4 record.

The pairings for the CIF "AAAA" playoffs will be announced the first of the week. A field of 32 teams, including two from each league is entered in the sudden-death playoffs.

After it appeared Morningside High was a cinch Sky League champion and the No. 1 playoff team, the Monarchs have suffered two second round losses. They dropped a 52-48 game to Rolling Hills Tuesday. League runner up Palos Verdes was also beaten, 62-56, by Culver City, to give Torrance life in the playoff bid.

The Tartars (6-3) are tied with Palos Verdes for second place. Last night's closing opponent was Rolling Hills.

The Camino Real League championship was a game out of reach of Fermin Lasuen following Tuesday's 68-36 win over St. Monica's.

Lasuen (12-1) is a game ahead of Serra in the race.

Bishop Montgomery won an 89-84 game from St. Bernard's for a third straight victory. The Knights had five starters in double figures.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
North	13	0	1.000	—
South	7	4	.632	4
Mira Costa	7	4	.632	4
Redondo	4	7	.422	7
Hawthorne	5	8	.385	8
Santa Monica	3	10	.231	10
Inglewood	2	11	.154	11

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
North	12	1	.923	—
Serra	11	2	.846	5
Mira Costa	10	4	.730	8
Santa Monica	7	6	.538	11
West	6	7	.462	12

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Fermin Lasuen	12	1	.923	—
Daniel Murphy	11	2	.846	5
St. Bernard	7	4	.632	8
Bishop Montgomery	6	7	.462	11
Santa Monica	3	10	.231	14
Crespi	2	11	.154	15

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Morningside	7	2	.778	—
Palos Verdes	4	3	.556	1
Torrance	4	5	.444	2
Rolling Hills	4	5	.444	2
Culver City	3	4	.433	3
Leusinger	1	8	.111	6

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Rolling Hills	52	48	.520	—
Culver City	42	58	.420	10

Babe Ruth Sign Ups Scheduled

Boys 13, 14 and 15 are invited to join the North Torrance Babe Ruth League. Final sign ups are Saturday from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Alondra Park baseball diamond—Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

Each boy must be accompanied by a parent and provide a birth certificate. There is a \$2 registration fee.

The players agent is Don Thomas whose phone number is 323-2413.

Lower Division Teams Seeded for Basketball

Verbum Dei and Atascadero have drawn top-seeded berths in the "AA" and "A" divisions, for the CIF basketball play-offs.

Verbum Dei, riding the crest of a 22-game winning streak, walked off with the Santa Fe League title with a 13-0 mark, and have only a two-point loss to Pius X marring their 24-game schedule.

Led by center-forward Keith Batiste, the Eagles have taken the toll of several "AAA" and "AAAA" division ball clubs, among them Coast League runner-up Centennial.

Verbum Dei won titles in the St. Monica's, Edgewood and Valley Christian tournaments prior to the opening of league play, and is considered by many to be one of the strongest teams in the Southland, regardless of division.

Harbor Shows Power

Harbor College baseball coach Norm Jacot is counting on a winning season this year. After only four games he already has three reasons to justify his confidence: Al Walker, Joe Ruzich, and Tony Grippando.

The 135-pound Walker went four-for-four in Harbor's 5-2 victory over the USC Junior Varsity Wednesday, including a 400-foot homerun and a double. When the Hawks fell to Orange Coast 4-2 Tuesday, Walker hit a 425-foot round tripper.

"What can you say?" commented Jacot about Walker, who has hit safely six of 10 times in the young season.

Ruzich, having won Harbor's opening game against Rio Hondo, came in against USC with one out in the first inning, the bases loaded, and a 3-0 count on Al Rossi.

The ex-San Pedro High School All-City choice enticed Rossi to hit into an inning-ending double play, and had smooth sailing the rest of the game. He allowed only two hits in the next seven innings.

Grippando, who allowed only one hit in three innings against Rio Hondo, hurled six innings of scoreless ball against Orange Coast, after he gave up three runs in the first.

The runs were tarnished, however, as Larry Bailey's (no relation to Harbor catcher Larry Bailey) three-run homer for the Pirates came when the ball was misjudged by the center fielder.

"Ruzich is an ideal relief man," laughed Jacot after the USC game, "and he's not too bad as a starter either. He was tremendous."

Friday Harbor scrimmaged the California State College at Long Beach Varsity, in a game that was counted on neither team's record. Saturday the Hawks' game with Cal Poly-Pomona was washed out.

Sauer Leads Drivers in Figure 8's

More than 70 drivers, led by defending champions Eddie Sauer of Torrance and Ron Schuessler of Redondo Beach, will meet in a Figure 8 modified and stock car doubleheader at Gardena's Ascot Park Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Due to recent southland rains, and several postponements of racing at Ascot, the Figure 8 pilots are considered extra "hungry" by officials of the raceway.

Sauer, the only three-time champion in the history of criss-cross racing at Ascot, will go for a double victory in Sunday's two 20-lap features. He wheels a Ford V8 in the modifieds, and '56 Ford in the stock car races.

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The Greyhounds, who finished second to San Luis Obispo in the loop title chase, managed to upset league champ San Luis Enrique to an 8-2 circuit finish.